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CONTRIBUTION, CITING FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS

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11. (SBU) On July 10, Poloff discussed reftel with Roger van Laak, Senior Policy Advisor at the Dutch MFA's Department of Middle East and North African Affairs, thanking the Dutch for their prior contributions to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). In response to reftel points regarding additional contributions to support the purchase of fifteen fully armored vehicles (FAVs), van Laak was dubious, citing "stretched financial means" as the likely reason why the Dutch will not provide additional support at this time. He intends to raise the issue when Director General Larocco visits The Hague on July 20-21, but anticipates that it "might be difficult" to overcome budgetary constraints to garner support for additional contributions.

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